



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

22. (Twice amended) An ink supply passage structure comprising:

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a first ink supply path having a first open end, wherein said first ink supply path axially terminates at the first open end;

a second ink supply path connected to and extending from the first open end to be communicated with the first ink supply path, wherein the second ink supply path has a cross sectional area larger than that of the first ink supply path, and wherein the first open end of the first ink supply path forms an axial terminus of the second ink supply path; and